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moved to Boise, Idaho, and in 1874, to Des Moines, Iowa. He followed the vocation of hardware salesman, but in 1894 Governor Jackson appointed him a deputy oil inspector. He continued in this service fifteen years, or until 1909, being chief inspector from 1905. He was active and influential in Grand Army circles, local, state and national.

SIMON MILLER was born near Dickeyville, Grant County, Wisconsin, February 5, 1861, and died at Dubuque, Iowa, April 22, 1920. His early life was spent on the farm and in school. In 1886 he removed to Dubuque and followed the vocation of teamster, became identified with the teamsters' union as their financial officer and business agent, and also became a member of the executive board and auditing committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He became influential in organized labor circles, because of his conservatism and good judgment. In 1906 he was elected representative and was re-elected three times thereafter, serving in the Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, and Thirty-eighth general assemblies.

E. B. HIGLEY was born at Windham, Ohio, October 24, 1832, and died at Mason City, Iowa, March 13, 1920. He was buried at his native town. He removed to Mason City in 1880 and organized the E. B. Higley Company, a produce concern of extensive business. He was a member of the city council of Mason City from 1898 to 1904, and of the Mason City Park Commission. At his death he bequeathed his home to Mason City to be converted into a home for elderly women, and named it "The Julia M. Higley Home," in honor of his wife who had preceded him in death.

JOHN H. SMITH was born in the state of Delaware, February 21, 1828, and died at Ira, Jasper County, Iowa, January 9, 1915. He removed with his parents to Michigan in 1832 and to Jasper County, Iowa, in 1857. He taught school awhile and worked as a carpenter. He enlisted in Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out in 1865 as orderly sergeant. He was elected representative from Jasper County in 1885 and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. He materially assisted in the legislation establishing the Iowa Soldiers' Home.

SAMUEL M. McCLEERY was born at Somanauk, Illinois, September 26, 1852, and died at Washington, Iowa, February 12, 1918. He was brought by his people to Washington County, Iowa, in 1864, where he lived until his death. He followed the vocation of farmer and stock dealer. In 1900 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and was re-elected, serving in all nine years. In 1908 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

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